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'Voices' barbecue raises awareness on physical abuse

ANDREA CIUREJ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Females who are 20 to 24 years of age are at the greatest risk for intimate partner violence, according to the National Center for Victims of Crime.

One in every four of these women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. However, the members of the UNO Voices Against Violence Task Force, in partnership with the Omaha YWCA, have teamed up to educate the campus on the prevention of this matter.

Binge drinking – which is correlated with intimate partner violence – has also become an issue that each organization is working to educate students on.

Both organizations, with the help of Maverick Solutions – the UNO student-run public relations firm – will host a back-to-school barbecue on Sept. 10, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Maverick Village. The event will feature an outdoor viewing of the romantic comedy "Waitress." Free hot dogs, soda and pie will also be served to carry out theme of the film.

"Waitress," directed by Adrienne Shelly, hones in on the unhappy marriage of Jenna, a waitress who is trying to escape from her controlling and abusive husband. Jenna – played by "Felicity" star Keri Russell – bakes pies, which are named after the unfortunate happenings in her life. Jenna attempts to enter a pie-baking contest, which offers a \$25,000 grand prize, so she can earn enough money to leave her husband.

Jill Sauser, Maverick Solutions co-director and event coordinator, said the film was chosen because it's an example of how a problematic relationship can transform into physical abuse.

"We chose the film "Waitress" because it demonstrates how quickly emotional abuse can quickly turn into physical violence," Sauser said. "It is also a clear example of how crucial a role friends and family play in providing the victim with the courage to escape an abusive relationship."

Sauser said students need to understand that not all violence is physical in nature.

"Emotional abuse and mental abuse are forms of intimate partner violence, as well," she said. "Often, these can cause even more long-term damage."

A YWCA staff member will moderate a brief discussion regarding intimate partner violence after the film. A drawing for a free iPod and other prizes will also conclude the event.

Sauser said that it is an honor to represent an organization who delves

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Ugandan AIDS orphans treated with free dental care at UNMC

NOELLE LYNN BLOOD
NEWS EDITOR

University of Nebraska Medical Center pediatric dental residents provided free dental care to a group of Ugandan AIDS orphans at the College of Dentistry Pediatric Dental Clinic on Wednesday.

The four children, Mercy Akello, 8; Olivia Nakirya, 12; Mariam Nambogwe, 9; and Katherine Mugala, 12, are members of the musical group The Chosen. They tour the U.S. to raise awareness for the AIDS Orphan Education Trust.

"We go to churches, we go to schools, we go to nursing homes, just about anywhere that we're invited," said Nancy Tushabe, wife of AOET founder and director Sam Tushabe. "They sing and dance and give their stories and we talk about the organization. In that way, people have come in and supported the organization."

Mieka Milliken is the children's sponsor in Nebraska.

"My husband and I have sponsored them for four years," she said. "They stay with us, we schedule all of their performances. I speak at all of their performances. Basically, we're their host family."

When The Chosen perform at a school, the topic of AIDS is never directly addressed, Milliken said. Instead, she informs the students of the prevalence of disease, poverty, hunger and lack of access to education.

"It's a message of global thinking and awareness," she said. "We tell them, 'You play soccer, they play soccer. You dance and sing,



Olivia Nakirya, 12, has her teeth checked at the University of Nebraska Medical Center on Wednesday. Pediatric dental residents provided free dental care to a group of Ugandan AIDS orphans at the College of Dentistry Pediatric Dental Clinic. (NOELLE LYNN BLOOD/THE GATEWAY)

they dance and sing. You love your family, they love their family.' Kids are kids."

The dances the children do are a mixture of tribal dances and modern hip-hop moves. The songs they sing are in many languages, as there are about 36 tribal languages in Uganda, Milliken said.

The children had never been out of their village in their entire lives, much less received dental care.

"It's just amazing to see children who haven't been touched by civilization, and that's a good thing," said Frank Driscoll, the pediatric dentist who supervised the visit.

"It's fun to take part in something like this and help them out."

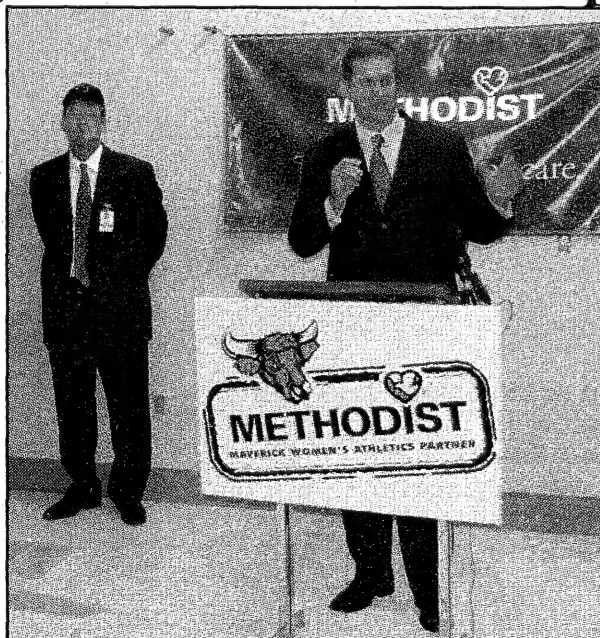
What the dentists mostly addressed was cavities in the children's baby teeth. Only four of the eight members of The Chosen had appointments, as they had the most complaints of oral pain, Milliken said.

"Most of the things we do don't require maintenance," Driscoll said. "The maintenance is in improving their hygiene. The information, the toothbrushes, things of that nature. Most of the problems they have can be fixed by simple fillings and restoration."

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Methodist enters partnership with UNO women's athletics for 2009-'10 season, sponsorship for student service

MIKE BELL
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Director of Athletics Trev Alberts speaks as Steve Goeser, president and CEO of Methodist Hospital, looks on, at a press conference Wednesday at the new Methodist Women's Hospital at 192nd Street and West Dodge Road in Omaha. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

A crowd of hospital officials, coaches and female Maverick athletes were gathered to celebrate the announcement of Methodist Health System becoming the presenting sponsor of UNO's Women's Athletics Department for the 2009 – 2010 season.

The announcement was made at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the construction site of the new Methodist Women's Hospital on 192nd Street and West Dodge Road.

"This is the largest partnership in UNO's history," said UNO Athletic Director Trev Alberts. "We're Omaha's team. And because we're Omaha's team, we need to be involved with the community."

Methodist Hospital President and CEO Steve Goeser spoke at the event. He donned a UNO cap while at the

podium.

"This partnership makes great sense, not only because it brings together two of Omaha's leading employers, but also two employers who are clearly committed to helping advance women in our community," Goeser said.

Alberts joked he would have worn a Methodist Hospital cap but was afraid it would mess up his hair.

Goeser sees the partnership as a great opportunity for both organizations to spread awareness for women's health care.

Each UNO female athlete committed to doing 40 hours of volunteer service at a Methodist Hospital every school year throughout the agreement. The intent, according to both organizations, is to raise awareness and participation in UNO women's athletics while helping to get the word out about health issues important to women.

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Sen. Ted Kennedy dies at 77

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Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy, the "Lion of the Senate" and the last remaining son of the prominent Democratic political family, passed away Tuesday night at his home in Hyannis Port, Mass., after a year-long battle with brain cancer. He was 77.

A Government concentrator and Winthrop House resident in his undergrad years, Kennedy was elected to serve in the U.S. Senate in 1962. He was senate majority whip from 1969 to 1971. Kennedy had been re-elected seven times, making him the second-longest serving member of the

Senate at the time of his death.

After a seizure in May 2008, he was diagnosed with a malignant glioma, a type of brain tumor that can carry a bleak prognosis. He underwent cancer treatment over the course of the year.

In the Senate, Kennedy carved out a reputation as a leader on social policy issues, championing reforms in areas such as health care, education and immigration, as well as leading multiple committees, including, most recently, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

During the 1990s, Kennedy pushed to increase the minimum wage and to pass the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which greatly expanded health insurance

coverage for children. Though he was one of the dominant liberal figures in the Senate, Kennedy was also known for his efforts to reach across party lines to pass legislation such as his alliance with former President George W. Bush on the No Child Left Behind legislation.

Throughout his years in office, Kennedy was particularly focused on reforming the nation's health care system, a passion showcased by his return to the U.S. Capitol last summer to vote on a Medicare bill

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Edward M. Kennedy speaks to reporters on the evening of the Democratic Primary in Massachusetts, September 18, 1962. (JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY/MCT)

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into the issues of intimate partner violence and alcohol abuse.

"It's an amazing experience to play a role in providing students with the knowledge and tools to prevent any type of violent relationship they or their loved ones may find themselves in," she said.

The idea of one in four college students being subjected to an intimate partner

relationship is a "scary reality."

"Whether its date rape or verbal abuse, chances are high that at some point in our lives we will be faced with it in some form," Sauser said. "I want students and faculty to leave with the ability to recognize the warning signs of abuse and learn how to safely and successfully speak up for those who can't speak for themselves."

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FOR THE RECORD

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In the Aug. 25, 2009, Welcome Back issue of the Gateway, several names were misspelled in the article "Annual tribute show hits home with metal lovers." Dethiacon's drummer was incorrectly identified as Alex Whalena. His name is actually Alex Wheeldon. The left photo's caption identifies The Lifeless Design's guitarist as Black Oleson. His name is Blake Oleson. Todd Olsen was credited as a contributor in this issue for the "Jackson death still resounds in fans months later" and "UNO student crowned regional 'Miss Hooters'" stories. He should have been credited as a staff writer. The Gateway regrets these errors.

JUST THE FACTS

COMPILED BY NOELLE LYNN BLOOD
NEWS EDITOR

- 13 percent of college women have been stalked during one six-to nine-month period.
- 80 percent of campus stalking victims knew their stalkers.
- 78 percent of rape victims are women.
- In eight of 10 rape cases, the victim knew her rapist.
- 34 percent of women are victims of sexual coercion by an intimate partner in their lifetimes.
- 13 percent of adult women have been raped in their lifetime
- 1.3 million American women and 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually.
- 11 percent of lesbians and 15 percent of gay men reported being sexually or physically abused by their partner.
- More than half of female intimate violence victims live in households with children younger than 12.

All facts and statistics taken from the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence Web site.

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All of the children are orphans whose parents died of AIDS. Uganda has been absolutely devastated by AIDS since the mid-'80s. The so-called ABC approach to preventing AIDS — abstinence, be faithful, use condoms — has been used publicly since 1987.

The prevalence of public education available to the citizens caused a brief decline in the number of HIV-infected people in the early '90s, but numbers are still high.

An estimated 940,000 people in Uganda live with HIV and 1.2 million children have been orphaned due to AIDS. Ugandan orphans have lost parents more frequently to AIDS than any other cause, according to the AVERTing HIV and AIDS Web site.

Many orphaned children must take

on the responsibilities of their deceased parents, such as taking care of younger siblings, doing housework and bringing in money. This often results in poor academic performance, and sometimes the children are forced to drop out of school altogether.

The AIDS Orphan Education Trust is an "independent, indigenous, non-governmental organization with the prime mandate of providing an education — formal and/or vocational — to desperately poor, neglected and forgotten orphans whose parents have died of AIDS," according to the AOET Web site.

The founder, Sam Tushabe, was an orphan himself from age 6. He worked his way up in school, paying his own fees all the way through college, Milliken said. His goal was to make sure no child would ever suffer

as he had.

AOET runs a primary school with 480 students, as well as a high school with 49 students.

"We support children with direct school sponsorship and school supplies," cited the AOET Web site. "We deliberately have 65 percent as girl children on the sponsorship. This reduces early marriages and levels of prostitution among the girl child[ren]."

AOET also has feeding programs, female empowerment groups and a children's village with 13 homes, which houses 83 children.

"The thing about Uganda is, it's not just AIDS and sickness and disease," said Kelsea Kult, a secondary education major at UNO who has done mission work in Uganda. "It's just one rebel leader taking

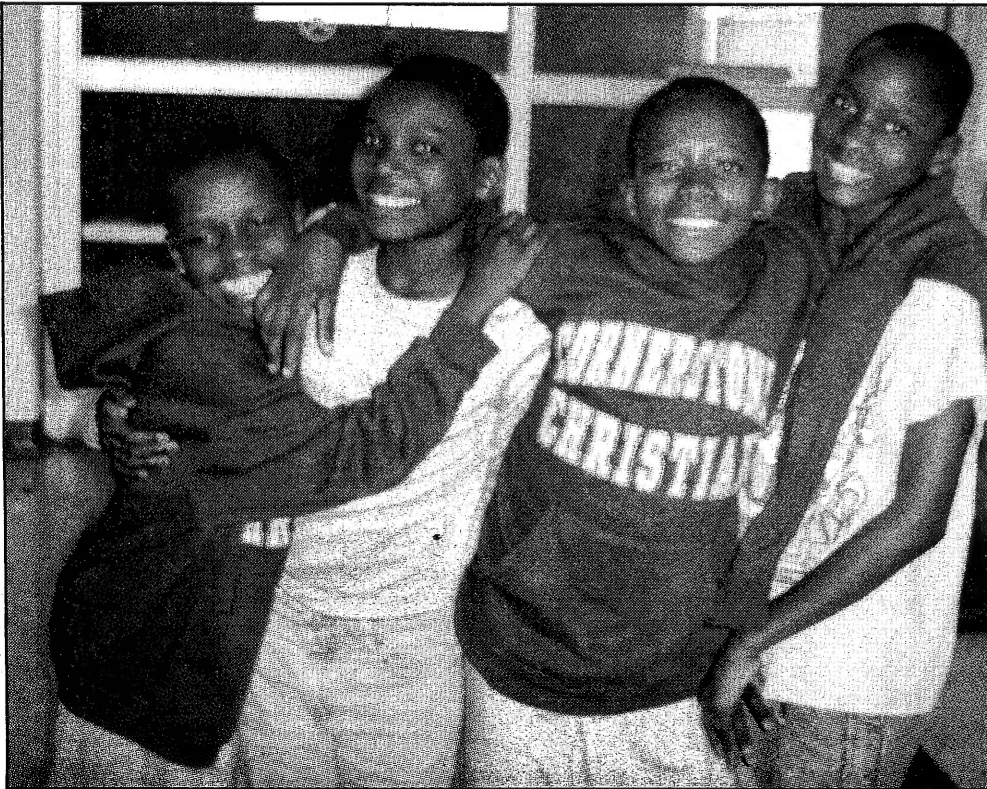
hundreds and thousands of lives. Thirty thousand children have been abducted in 23 years, which is ridiculous."

Two rebel groups — the Lord's Resistance Army and the Allied Democratic Forces — have terrorized Uganda since the early '80s, according to the Global Security Web site.

"A lot of AIDS gets spread that way," Kult said. "The rebels purposely infect women and young, 13-year-old children."

However, Kult did see promise for betterment of Uganda's state in the future.

"We went up into the hostile area and helped build schools and do farm work," she said. "We tried to re-establish the communities and give them hope. But they're the ones who gave us hope, because the people there are so full of joy."



Mercy Akello, 8 (left to right); Olivia Nakirya, 12; Mariam Nambogwe, 9; and Katherine Mugala, 12, pose for a photo before having dental work done on Wednesday. (NOELLE LYNN BLOOD/ THE GATEWAY)



Mercy Akello, 8 receives dental care as Dr. Frank Driscoll (right) looks on during Wednesday's pediatric dental clinic. (NOELLE LYNN BLOOD/ THE GATEWAY)

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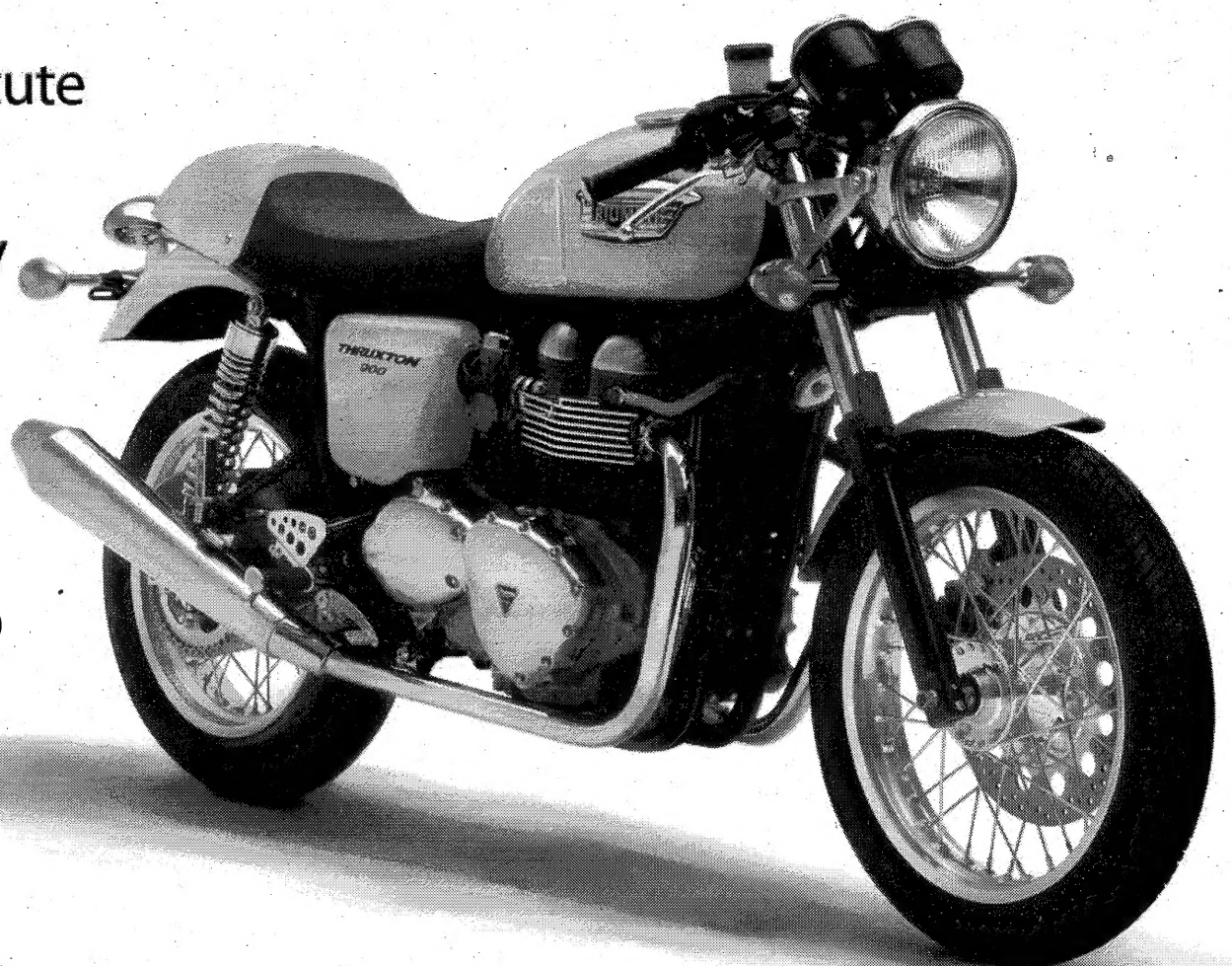
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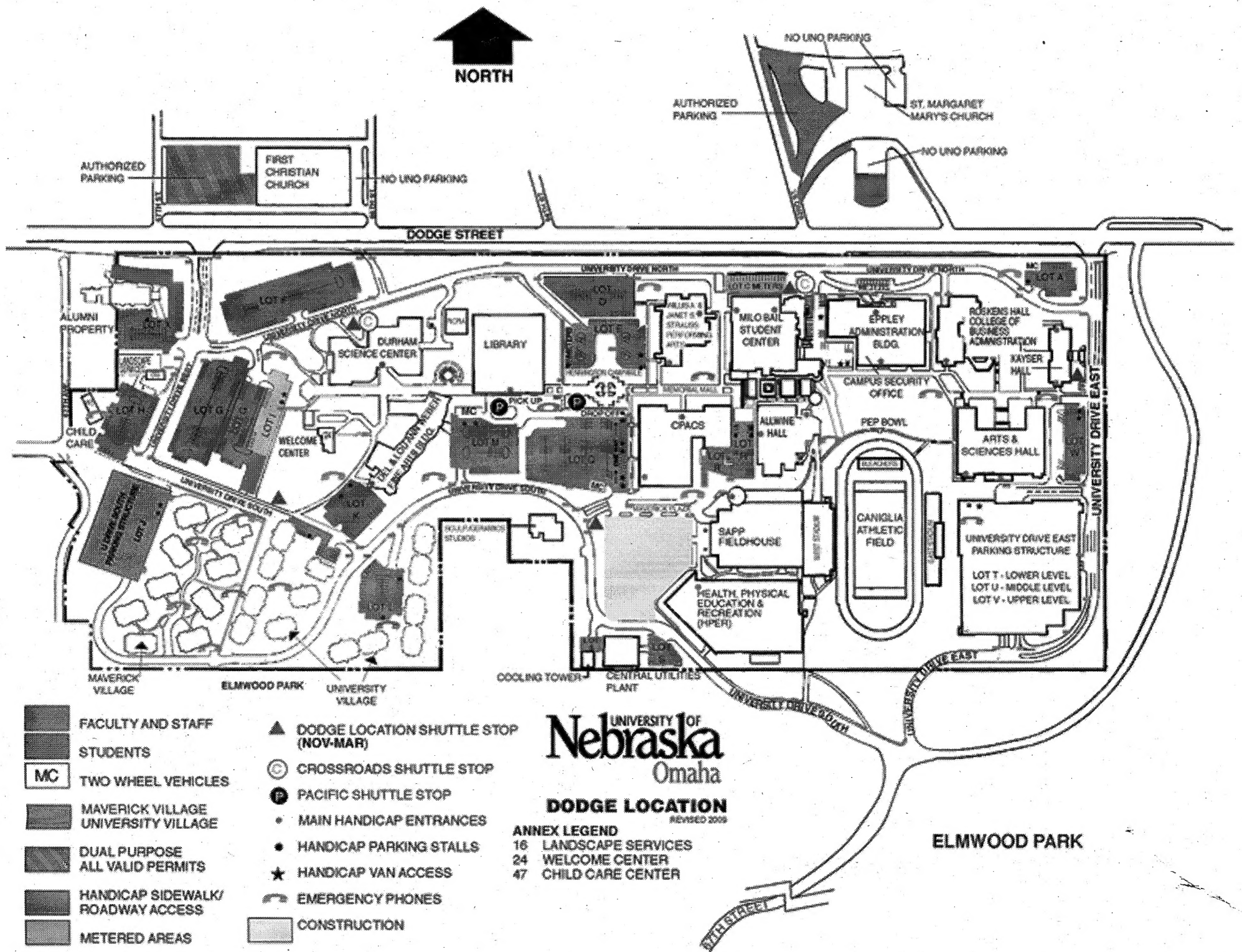
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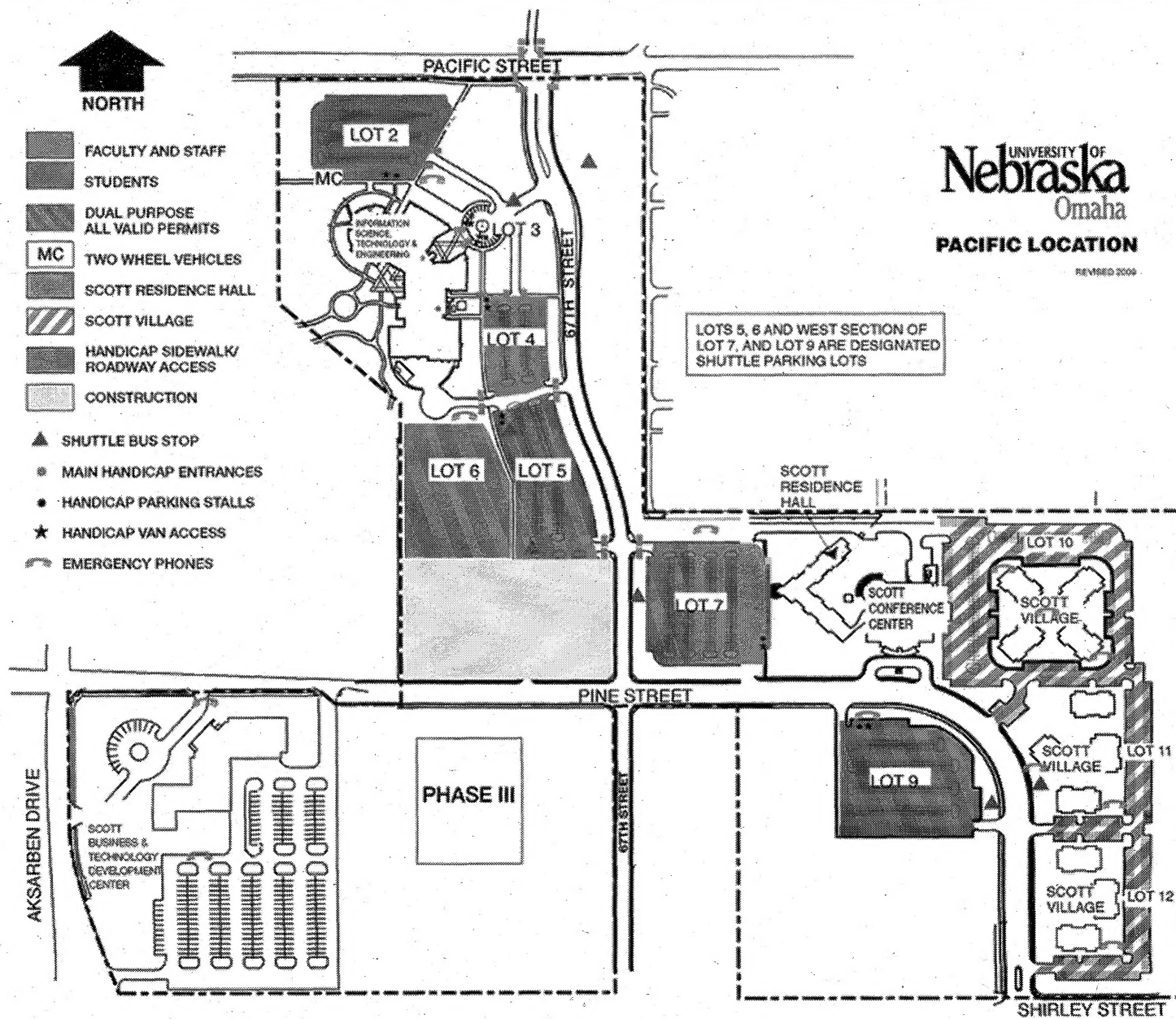
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Teaching naked focuses on participation rather than PowerPoints

BY ADAM ZIEGLER
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The addition of computers to the classroom has led to some big changes in education, but some college administrators are asking professors to ease back on using this technology and try teaching naked.

In this case, teaching naked means relying less on traditional education technology like PowerPoint presentations and placing more focus on using class time more for interacting with students and course material.

The name and concept come from a paper written by José Bowen, dean of the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University in Texas. In the paper, Bowen encourages professors to use new technology like podcasts and online videos to present students with course material outside of class and focus class time on expanding on and working with the information they learn on their own.

The concept of teaching naked is more than just an idea, though, and the Meadows School has already begun implementing some of Bowen's ideas. Last summer, most computers and equipment like DVD players were removed from classrooms and replaced with eNooks, where professors can hook up laptops to projectors and sound systems in the classroom to show material.

To help facilitate the switch to

teaching naked, each professor at the Meadows school was given a laptop to create material for students to use outside class, said Martin Sweidel, associate dean of the Meadows School. While the switch to a new style of classroom and teaching took some adjusting, Sweidel said for the most part professors have embraced the changeover.

"There weren't many complaints, and even when there were, people were quick to say 'Yeah this works, I'll do that,'" Sweidel said.

While switching out technology is part of the teaching naked concept, it also requires changes in the way professors use class time. Rather than using new teaching tools to deliver the same lectures during classes, Sweidel said professors should spend class time on discussions and activities that require students to use the material they've been studying in out-of-class reading and assignments.

"The technology helps to move the concept forward, but you can still make the same mistakes of doing boring presentations," Sweidel said.

Having students focus on reading or listening to lecture material outside class through online articles, podcasts or videos is ultimately beneficial, Sweidel said, because it allows professors to spend class time answering questions or expanding on key ideas rather than just explaining them.

"With this, you can add or build on or do something with the material now in class time and help them own

it and get to do something with it," he said. "It's a better use of class time."

Students seem to agree. A study published in the British Journal of Education in April found 59 percent of students surveyed thought in class, PowerPoint-heavy lectures were boring.

Nick Harnoski, a sophomore business administration major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he thought having professors lecture for the entire class did get boring after awhile and made it hard to stay focused.

"When it's just someone standing up there talking for an entire hour, it's pretty easy to tune out," he said.

Group discussions or activities are a better use of class time, Harnoski said, because they allow students to be more active and engaged in learning the material.

"At least then you're actually talking or doing something," he said.

Bowen's teaching naked paper and other coverage of the idea has been receiving a lot of attention lately, Sweidel said, and could be gaining ground in the academic community. Teaching naked is ultimately about improving students' ability to learn, he said, so it makes sense educators are interested in pursuing the idea.

"Some people are slower to adopt a new method than others; people are committed to their students, and I think teaching professionals are committed to do what they can to get better," he said. "You can always improve."

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"We're happy to return the favor by donating our time," said UNO senior Treightin Yates. "We're willing to do whatever they need us to today."

The UNO hockey team volunteered in the same way last year and was hugely successful. All the volunteers have at least a 3.32 GPA, and 64 of them have been on the dean's list. More than a dozen have been on the chancellor's list, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA.

UNO Women's Athletics had its genesis in 1969, said Michele Roberts, associate athletic director and senior women's administrator. She added that the program remained strong because of the combined efforts of the student-athletes, coaches and administrators.

Roberts is part of the Leap for a Cure Foundation, which is associated with the Methodist Hospital Foundation. The foundation works to provide research towards finding a cure for brain cancer.

"This partnership will ensure that the work done by so many people to provide these athletic opportunities for our women will continue to flourish," Roberts said.

After the speech, the crowd was given a tour of the hospital, which was designed using the latest in medical technology. The building is set to be completed in less than a year, and will be the only of its kind in the region devoted exclusively to women's health care. The five floors will include 116 beds, and each room is being made with the family's comfort in mind.

Each baby born at Methodist Women's Hospital in the next year will receive a Maverick onesie, as well as a national letter of intent signed by Alberts, which will allow them to play the sport of their choice at UNO starting in 2027. Parents will also receive complementary tickets to UNO women's athletic contests.

Methodist employees will benefit, as well, by being able to attend all UNO Women's Athletic events for free by presenting their employee IDs. The dual logo of Methodist Health System and UNO Women's Athletics will be present on all sports paraphernalia, such as posters, towels, programs and chair backs.

"It's win-win for everybody involved," UNO Wrestling Coach Mike Denney said.

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while he was undergoing cancer treatment. Some supporters of health system reform efforts this summer had said they had hoped a viable reform would be ready in time for Kennedy to cast an "aye" vote.

Just last week, Kennedy had asked the state of Massachusetts to reconsider its policy on filling a vacant senate seat, as a way of raising discussion as to how his seat would be filled after his passing. Kennedy asked Governor Deval L. Patrick '78 to appoint a temporary replacement in hopes of helping Democrats' current push to pass health care legislation.

"He's one of a kind," said Mass. Senator and former Presidential candidate John F. Kerry after a December ceremony held at Harvard to honor Kennedy. "It's a privilege to serve with him."

Edward Moore Kennedy was born February 22, 1932 in Boston, Massachusetts, the youngest of Joseph and Rose Kennedy's nine children. Kennedy began his tenure at the College in the fall of 1950 after attending Milton Academy.

At the end of his freshman year, Kennedy was suspended after having another student take a Spanish exam in his place. He spent the next two years serving in the U.S. Army as a military policeman in Paris before re-enrolling at Harvard in the fall of 1953.

Upon returning to campus, the Winthrop House resident joined the all-male final club the Owl, an association he would disown in 2006 after drawing flack for condemning Supreme Court nominee Samuel A. Alito, Jr. for his one-time membership in the Concerned Alumni of Princeton, an organization that had taken a public stance against affirmative action and co-education at Princeton.

Kennedy was a noted member of the football team during his college career, scoring the only Harvard touchdown in the Harvard-Yale Game his senior year. He

turned down an offer of interest from the Green Bay Packers, instead opting to attend law school at the University of Virginia.

During his years at the University of Virginia, Kennedy met his first wife, Joan Bennett, whom he married in 1958. The couple had three children Kara, Edward Jr., and Patrick before divorcing in 1982. After years of struggles with alcohol and a reputation for womanizing, Kennedy married lawyer Victoria Reggie in 1992, who remained at the senator's side during his future political endeavors and recent illness.

Kennedy's most notable scandal came in 1969 when he drove off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island in Martha's Vineyard, an incident which resulted in the drowning death of his passenger, Mary Jo Kopechne. After swimming to safety, Kennedy did not call police until after Kopechne's body was found the following day. The senator pled guilty to leaving the scene of an accident, but remained in office and was reelected in 1970.

His 1980 run for the presidency proved unsuccessful, particularly after the Chappaquiddick incident became a major factor in the campaign.

In the years since his graduation from Harvard, Kennedy remained connected to the University. He was involved in creating the Institute of Politics, which commemorates his brother John F. Kennedy 140, and he has served as a member of the IOP's Senior Advisory Committee.

In December 2008, he was awarded an honorary degree by the University in a special ceremony, as he was unable to attend the June 2008 Commencement exercises due to his illness. The audience included Kerry, Senator

Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut, and Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

"I hope that in all the time since then I have lived up to the chance Harvard gave me," Kennedy said after receiving his honorary doctorate.

At the ceremony, Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer, a former Harvard Law School professor who served as chief counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee when Kennedy was chair, spoke about what he had learned working with the senator, citing Kennedy's strong commitments to bipartisanship and helping others.

"I'm proud to be here as Harvard says, Well done, senator, and thank you for caring about so many, so much, for so long," Breyer said.


The event marked one of the less than a handful of times that Harvard has

awarded an honorary degree outside of the June Commencement. Three heads of state George Washington, Nelson Mandela and Winston Churchill are the only people to receive similar awards at special ceremonies.

"Now I have something in common with George Washington, other than being born on February 22," Kennedy said. "It is not being president as I had once hoped."

According to political journalist Adam Clymer '58, who wrote a biography of Kennedy, the senator has been the most effective legislator of his time.

"President Faust explained it pretty well at Commencement: he's been a leader on all kinds of issues, specifically on higher education, which is particularly important to Harvard," said Clymer, who is a former Crimson president.



Lion of the Senate

During his 46-year tenure in the U.S. Senate, Sen. Edward Kennedy authored more than 2,500 bills and is known for his bipartisan work. His career highlights include some of this landmark legislation:

Immigration Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed Immigration Act of 1965; eliminated discriminatory immigration quotasChief sponsor of the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1982; increased minority representation in governmentSponsored the Immigration Act of 1990; expanded quotas to reunite families and to meet economic needs	Disabled Americans <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sponsored Employment Opportunities for Disabled Americans Act; made work incentives part of the Social Security ActIntroduced Fair Housing Act Amendments to prevent discrimination in sales or rentals of housingIntroduced Americans With Disability Act in 1990; prohibits employers from discriminating against people with disabilities	Education <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supporter of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; first comprehensive federal aid for public schoolsOriginal cosponsor of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act; public education for children with disabilitiesWorked with former President George W. Bush to pass No Child Left Behind Act
Health care <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leader in passing the National Cancer Act; expands research effortsLed successful effort with Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) to enact Children's Health Insurance ProgramWith Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kan.) sponsored the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA); health insurance for Americans who change or lose their jobsSponsored Family Opportunity Act of 2008; enables states to expand Medicaid to children with special needs	Civil Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">Made first Senate speech on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawing segregation	Women's Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supporter of the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; protect women from discrimination in educational institutionsVoted to re-introduce the Equal Rights Amendment in 2007
Voting Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supported amending the Voting Rights Act to lower voting age to 18	Gay Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">Helped lead the Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act to passage in the SenateOpposed the Defense Marriage Act and constitutional ban on same-sex marriage	

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World cinema series provides students with cultural understanding



ANDREA CIUREJ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The UNO Department of Geography/Geology kicked off the 2009 World Cinema Series on Aug. 26 by giving students and members of the local community an opportunity to view different foreign films.

The movie series will serve as a learning device for students enrolled in the Geography in Film course taught by Professor Michael P. Peterson. Although the films are being shown for class

credit, the public is welcome to attend these screenings, which will run every Wednesday evening through Nov. 4.

A Senegalese short film titled, "The Little Girl Who Sold the Sun" began the 11-week series. This motion picture hones in on Sili, a girl who obtains a job selling newspapers on the streets of Dakar, Senegal. Despite the intimidating older boys who bully her, Sili earns money to support her family and entertains the other street children she encounters.

Wrapped up the first night's screenings was the Canadian film "Le Grande Seduction," which

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Top left: Canadian film "Le Grande Seduction" was one of the first movies featured in the work cinema. **Bottom right:** Actress Lissa Balera stars as Sili in the Senegalese film "The Little Girl Who Sold the Sun."

FILM SCHEDULE

Sept. 2: Japan and South Korea

- 101 minutes, movie begins at 6:10 p.m.
- 122 minutes, movie begins at 8 p.m.

Sept. 9: Germany

- 121 minutes, movie begins at 6 p.m.
- 80 minutes, movie begins at 8:15 p.m.

Sept. 16: India

- 192 minutes, movie begins at 6:15 p.m.

Sept. 23: China and Taiwan

- 113 minutes, movie begins at 6 p.m.
- 123 minutes, movie begins at 8:05 p.m.

Sept. 30: Australia and New Zealand

- 93 minutes, movie begins at 6:20 p.m.
- 103 minutes, movie begins at 8 p.m.

Oct. 7: Singapore and Malaysia

- 105 minutes, movie begins at 6:15 p.m.
- 90 minutes, movie begins at 8 p.m.

Oct. 14: South Africa

- 94 minutes, movie begins at 6:15 p.m.
- 96 minutes, movie begins at 8 p.m.

Oct. 21: Brazil

- 130 minutes, movie begins at 6:20 p.m.

Oct. 28: Southwest Asia

- 90 minutes, movie begins at 6:20 p.m.
- 83 minutes, movie begins at 8 p.m.

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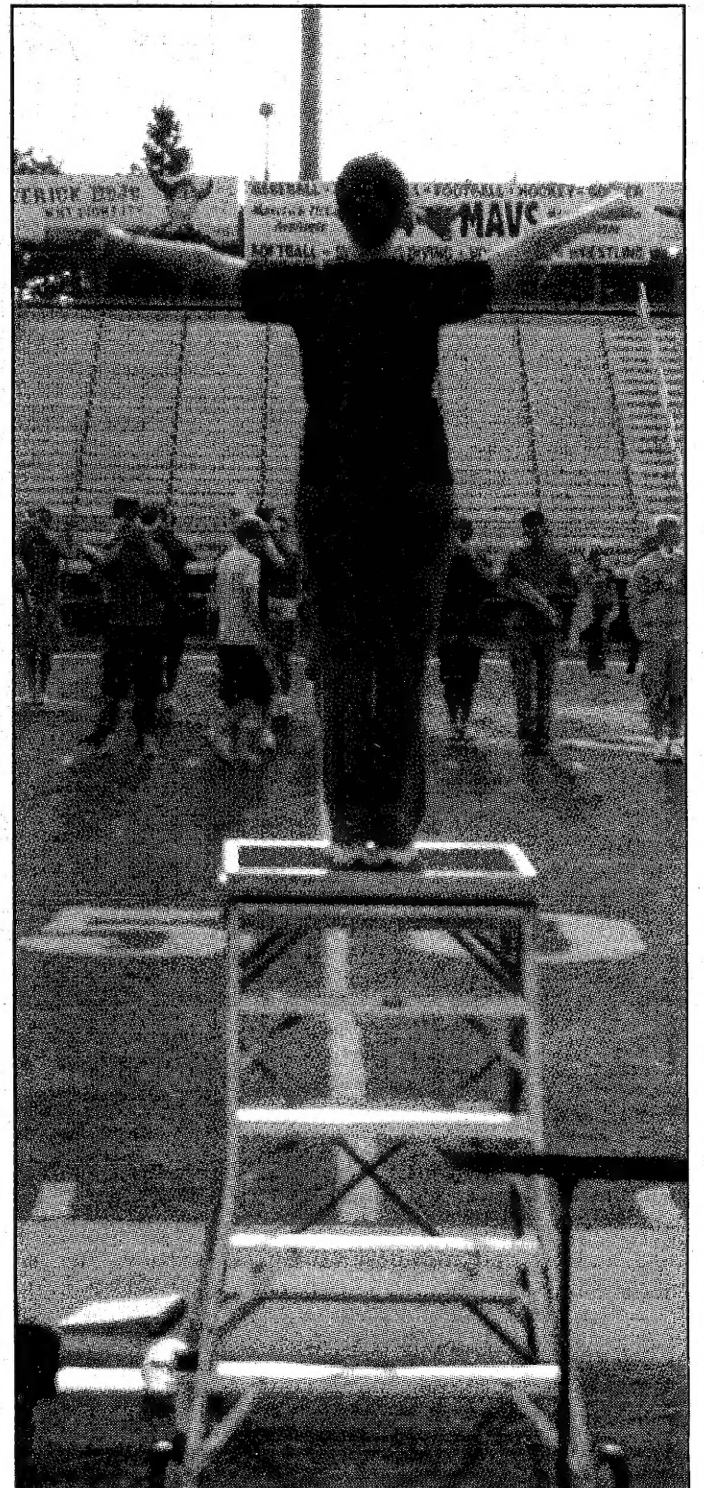
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Members of the Marching Mavericks take to Caniglia Field bright and early Monday morning in preparation for Thursday's season opening football game between UNO and East Central University. (PHOTOS BY JOE SHEARER)



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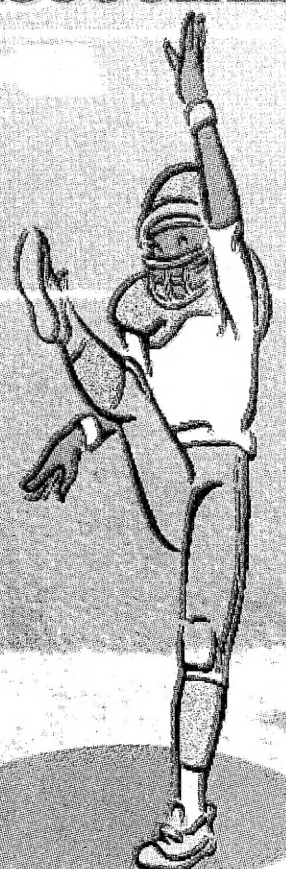
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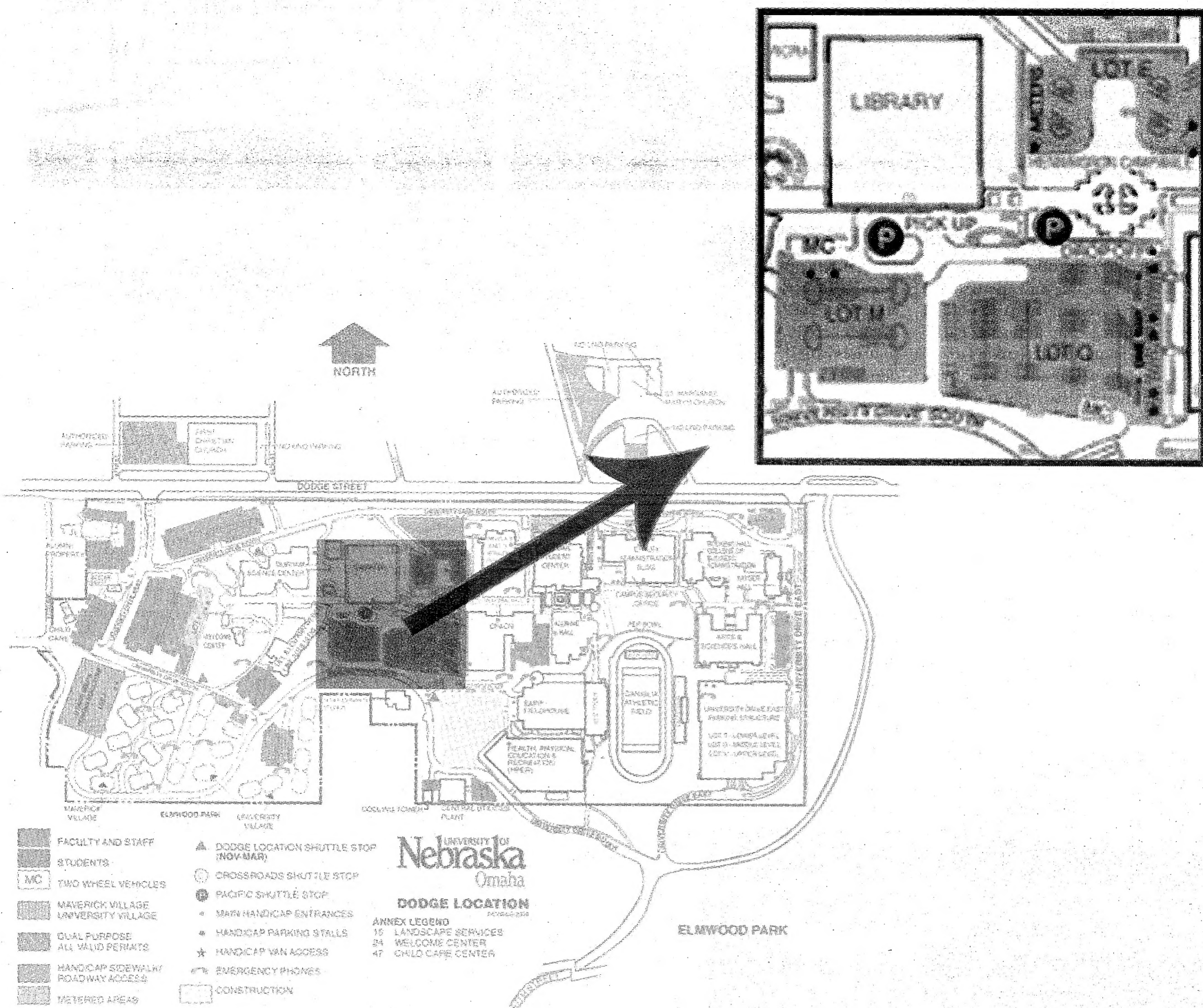
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Police suspect suicide in model killing suspect's death

PETER LARSEN AND JAIMEE LYNN FLETCHER
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

(MCT) LOS ANGELES - Ryan Jenkins, the reality TV star suspected of killing his swimsuit model wife, is dead, Canadian police said Sunday evening.

Jenkins, 32, was found dead inside a motel room in Hope, British Columbia, on Sunday afternoon, said Sgt. Duncan Pound of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"The preliminary indicators are that he took his own life," Pound said. "And we're not commenting on any of the particulars."

Jenkins, 32, was accused of killing his wife and swimsuit model Jasmine Fiore, 28, of Los Angeles. Fiore's body was found mutilated and stuffed in a suitcase near a Buena Park, Calif., apartment complex on Aug. 15.

Pound declined to provide many details about Jenkins' death on Sunday night, but apparently once the body was found, identifying him as the suspect in Fiore's murder came quickly.

"The hotel staff had gone in to check on him," Pound said, adding that local RCMP officers responded as they would to any such call.

"They then became aware of some of the indicators in the room, including that he matched the general description that has been spread worldwide," Pound said. "So we were able to get members of our team and some of our forensics [investigators] there."

About 5 p.m. Sunday, the RCMP determined the dead man in the motel room was Jenkins, Pound said.

Pound declined to say how Jenkins might have killed himself. He didn't share any details on his stay in Hope, a small town of less than 10,000 about two hours east of Vancouver, known by most as a stopover on the Trans-Canada Highway.

"We're not saying at this point how long he was staying there," Pound said. "And we're not going to release any information on how long he may have been deceased."

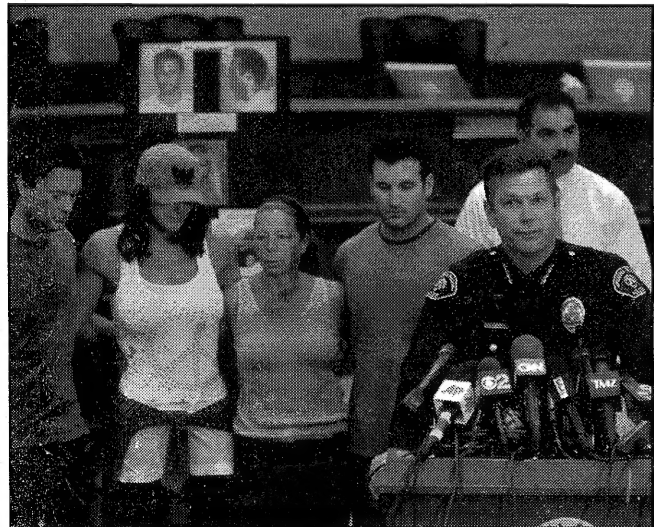
The story - reality TV star allegedly kills model wife - was a sensation from the start and became only more so as more details of what appeared to have happened came out.

Fiore's body, found in a suitcase in a Buena Park dumpster, was missing her fingers and teeth. Jenkins may have fled by boat and on foot into Canada, his native country. Fiore's body was identified by the serial numbers on her breast implants.

With each detail, news coverage spread beyond that which most any other murder receives. And so too with the discovery of Jenkins' body on Sunday, which made instant headlines on the Web sites of both traditional news sources like the Register and gossip sites such as TMZ.com.

Earlier today, CTV, a Canadian television network, also reported Jenkins' father, Dan Jenkins, would not say whether he has had contact with his son. Dan Jenkins added his lawyers encouraged him not to comment on his fugitive son, CTV reported.

The Orange County District Attorney's office had filed felony murder charges against Jenkins and issued a \$10 million warrant for his arrest. The Canadian police had also issued a warrant for Jenkins.



Flanked by family and friends of Jasmine Fiore, Buena Park Police Chief Tom Monson discussed the filing of murder charges against the former reality-show contestant, Ryan Jenkins, in Buena Park, California, Aug. 20, 2009. (JEBB HARRIS/ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/MCT)

Reality TV just got a little too real



Lisa Lepore, mother of murdered Jasmine Fiore, weeps as Buena Park police announced an arrest warrant for former reality-show contestant, Ryan Alexander Jenkins, in Buena Park, California, Aug. 20, 2009. (JEBB HARRIS/ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/MCT)

ANDREA BARBE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For those faithful watchers of trashy reality TV shows, the regular newscasts over the past two weeks have seemed like a condensed version of a VH1 show, just without the outlandish buffoonery and temporary fairy tale ending.

On Aug. 15, the body of Jasmine Fiore, 28, was discovered in a dumpster behind an apartment complex in Buena Park, Calif., near Anaheim. Authorities claim Fiore, a former swimsuit model and actress, had been strangled to death, dismembered and stuffed into a suitcase which was then left in a dumpster.

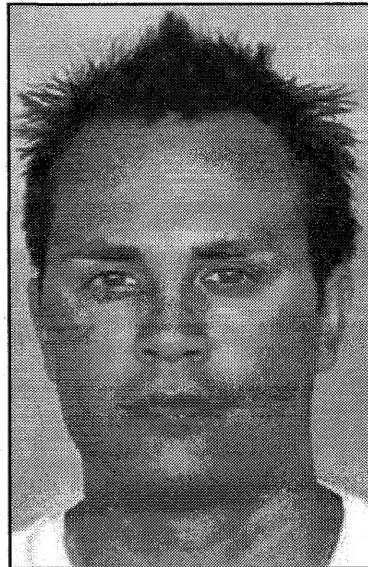
A man collecting recyclable cans discovered Fiore days later. Her teeth and fingers had been removed in a way that police believe was meant to conceal her identity. It was later confirmed that the mutilated body was indeed Fiore. The serial numbers on her breast implants helped in identifying the missing woman.

But Fiore's husband, Ryan Alexander Jenkins, 32, was conveniently nowhere to be found. Police immediately issued an arrest warrant for the real estate entrepreneur and millionaire after they believed he fled to his native Canada.

Jenkins was one of 17 bachelors vying for the love of Megan Hauserman on the VH1 reality show "Megan Wants a Millionaire," which kicked off on Aug. 2. He also competed with other VH1 reality show contestants on "I Love Money 3," which the network was planning to air in 2010.

In the last airing episode of "Megan Wants a Millionaire," Jenkins, also known as the "Smooth Operator," had just taken Megan out for a one-on-one date, picking her up in an Aston Martin luxury sports car and taking her to dinner at an upscale French restaurant after winning a challenge.

It was later announced that Jenkins did not come out a winner, but instead was the runner-up on



Ryan Jenkins



Jasmine Fiore

the reality dating show. Shortly after production wrapped, Jenkins met Fiore at a Las Vegas casino. The pair married just two days later.

After the announcement of Fiore's death, VH1 released a statement on Aug. 22 saying "Megan Wants a Millionaire" would be cancelled from the network's line-up out of respect for the victim and her family while the manhunt for Jenkins was still in progress.

But the massive search for Jenkins came to a screeching halt on Aug. 24 when authorities found Jenkins dead from an apparent suicide inside the Thunderbird Motel in Hope, British Columbia. The millionaire fugitive was hanging from a clothes rack with a belt around his neck. The next day, VH1 announced it would pull "I Love Money 3" from ever airing.

It's certainly a tragic situation no one, including VH1 execs, expected. But what is evident is that the ball was definitely dropped.

The production company 51 Minds, who licensed the show to VH1, stated that they did perform a criminal background check on Jenkins, as well as the rest of the "Megan Wants a Millionaire" contestants. However, the check failed to bring up Jenkins' 2007 assault charge from Canada.

Jenkins also had a criminal background in the states. According to court records, he was charged in

June 2009 with a misdemeanor count of "battery constituting domestic violence," stating that Jenkins hit Fiore in the arm while in Clark County, Nevada.

But with violent smudges on Jenkins' record, why was he still allowed to compete on these reality shows? The misdemeanor battery charge occurred after "Megan Wants a Millionaire" was already in post-production, but before "I Love Money 3" starting filming. Just one count of violent behavior should've been enough to keep Jenkins from entering one of the competitions, let alone two.

I understand that most comprehensive background checks can be expensive. However, with the success of past shows like "Flavor of Love" with Flavor Flav and "Rock of Love" with Bret Michaels earning the network big-time ratings and lots of moolah, why wasn't the safety of their competitors their biggest concern?

It seems like 51 Minds put a lot of trust in these contestants to be honest and upfront with them during its screening process and now its paying the price. If the information about Jenkins' sketchy past was uncovered shortly after Fiore's body was found, it doesn't appear that this info was that difficult to discover. Why did it take a murder to shed light on Jenkins?

And yet, throughout this media
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"NCAA Football 10" uses Web for sharp new features

BILLY O'KEEFE
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

(MCT) - If you're a fan of EA Sports' college football juggernaut but haven't yet introduced your console to the joys of the Internet, now probably is the time to fix that, because "NCAA Football 10's" two most prominent new features require it.

"10" marks the return of the too-long-lost ability to create a custom-designed school for use in exhibition play as well in the game's offline/online dynasty modes. But in a surprising move that's bound to burn some, the tools for doing so are available on a Web site teambuilder.easports.com instead of inside the actual game.

The decision to go this route makes more sense than it doesn't. The Web tool - and, particularly, the portion where you can edit every single player's name and attributes - works exponentially more efficiently with a mouse and keyboard than it ever possibly could be with a controller. Being able to turn any image file into a truly personalized team logo with a few mouse clicks is a pretty nice touch as well.

Still, there's no reason EA shouldn't - in next year's game, anyway - provide at least a bare-bones in-game tool for those who lack the means to take advantage of what turns out to be "10's" best new feature.

But "10's" other nifty addition, the game "Season Showdown," couldn't exist any other way. Once you enable "Showdown" by picking your favorite school to represent, "10" keeps a continual tally of your game-wide accomplishments, converts them to points, and combines your score with the scores of other players representing the same team. Schools facing each other during the real NCAA season also face off each week in "Showdown," which plays (and presumably culminates) like a popular-vote version of the 2009 season.

Elsewhere, "10" is a whole lot like "NCAA 09," albeit with the customary

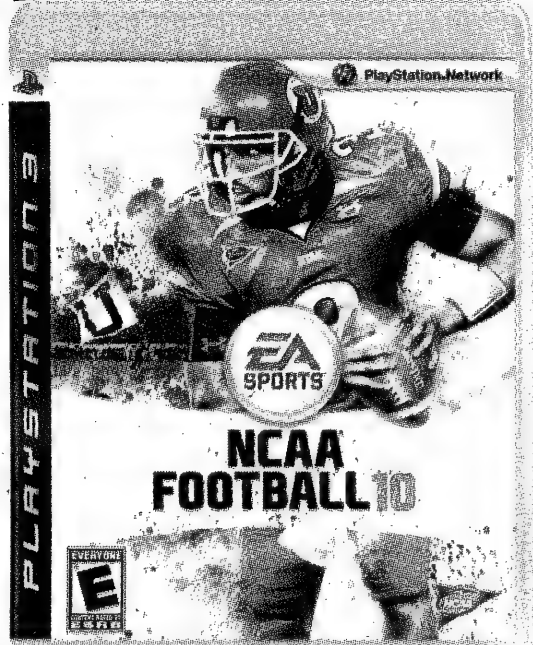


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annual refinements. The new "Road to Glory" mode, hosted by ESPN's Erin Andrews, essentially is last year's "Campus Legend" mode with a better presentation. Other presentational touches include the return of marching bands - no small deal in a game such as this - and various stadium effects.

The biggest on-field beneficiary is the play-calling screen, which functions the same as ever but includes a few new tricks - chaining plays together to exploit defensive weaknesses, setting up overriding strategies beyond formation, defensive coverage adjustments with a flick of the right stick - that both add depth for studious players while allowing less experienced players to feel empowered without understanding all those formations.

Alas, the same can't be said of the optional Family Play controls. Giving new players a simpler control scheme with which to get comfortable is a fine idea, but this scheme goes overboard and feels childishly simple even by the humble standards of EA's football games from 15 years ago.

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circus, Megan has yet to release a statement about Jenkins and the murder. Has VH1 silenced her for speaking out about this? I'm interested in knowing what she thinks about almost choosing Jenkins to be her millionaire lover? If she had selected Jenkins, it could have been Megan in that suitcase and not Fiore. She should be thanking her lucky stars she went with another suitor.

Just three episodes in, "Megan Wants a Millionaire" is gone for good, leaving many reality TV show junkies without their weekly fix of crazies, drama and sidesplitting stupidity.

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translates to "Seducing Dr. Lewis." This movie explores the economic dilemmas of Ste Marie La Mauderne village. Residents of a small fishing community try to boost their village's economic state by convincing a young doctor to become a resident in their town.

Peterson said that while "Le Grande Seduction" was a comedy, foreign movies with versatile humor are difficult to come by.

"It's hard to get comedies from other countries because what other people think is funny, we don't necessarily think is funny," he said. "You have to find something that is a comedy that people understand and enjoy."

The Japanese and South Korean films being shown on Sept. 2 are two examples of love stories.

"This is one aspect of human relationships

Through this tragedy, VH1 and 51 Minds got a major wake-up call. You cannot sacrifice ratings for safety. That is non-negotiable. But the writing is already on the wall and what's done is done. Now we just sit back and wait for the many landmark reckless endangerment lawsuits to come.

To these production companies, please start casting ethically sound contestants and conducting thorough background checks, no matter what the price... or else you might find yourself knee-deep in lawsuits and in debt from buying shows that no one will even get a chance to watch.

- how people get together," Peterson said. "Both movies are romantic comedies and deal with the influence of technology and changing cultural attitudes."

However, not everyone is a fan of the more sober films.

"There are some pretty serious movies that deal with serious topics," Peterson said. "I've had people actually walk out of some of the movies, because they couldn't deal with some of the things going on in the movies."

Nonetheless, Peterson hopes students and the community will experience other ways of viewing the world.

"We are a long way from a foreign country," he said. "As a consequence, many of our students have not had the opportunity to experience life in another country. Films allow [people] to see what other countries look like, but more importantly, to understand the hopes, dreams, desires and fears of other people."

Fashion show aims at preventing drunk driving

ANDREA BARBE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

UNO will host a fashion show fundraiser Aug. 29 to raise awareness about drinking and driving with money donated going towards Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Amy Wiczorek, a local model and community health major at UNO, organized the event after losing someone close to her because of drunken driving.

"Two years ago my best friend, Morgan Hohnbaum, was killed by a drunk driver along with her boyfriend Josh Milana," Wiczorek said on the event's UNO Web site. "Burying her was the hardest thing I have ever done. It was even more difficult for her parents."

The show will begin at 7 p.m. in the UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service Building's Collaborating Commons room 132.

First Lady and MADD National Board Member Sally Ganem, former Nebraska Cornhusker football player Matt Davison, Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Chuck Elley and UNO student Justin Reese, who was critically injured after a drunken driver in a pickup truck hit Reese last September.

Following the speeches, a fashion show will be take place with items from The Runway Boutique, Roots and Wings, The Buckle, Nouvelle Eve and Wake-N-Skate Boardhouse just to name a few.

Refreshments will be provided and prizes, including an iPod Nano, will be given away. Admission to this event is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome and required in order to win a prize.

This show is presented by the UNO chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, a health education organization, Ban 'N Save, Hy-Vee, No Frills, Rightway, Inc., Nebraska Grocery Industry Association and the UNO Athletic Department.

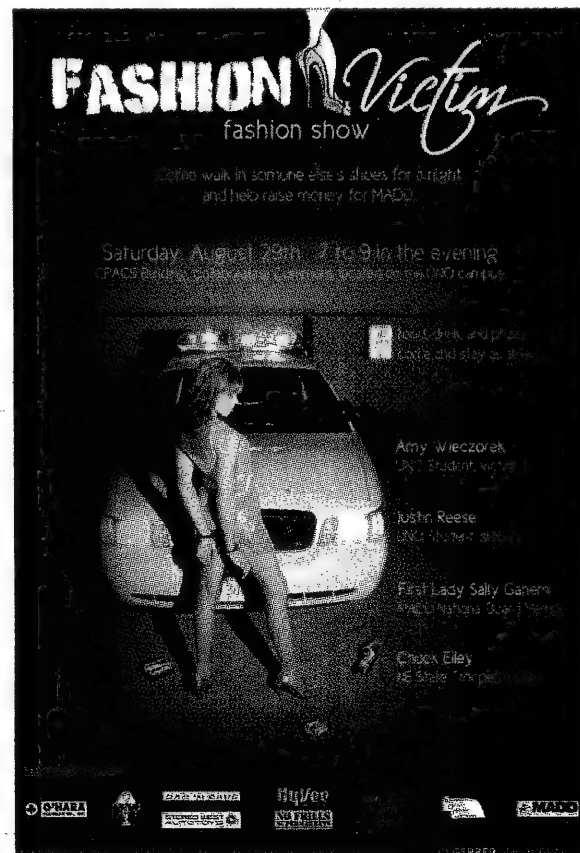
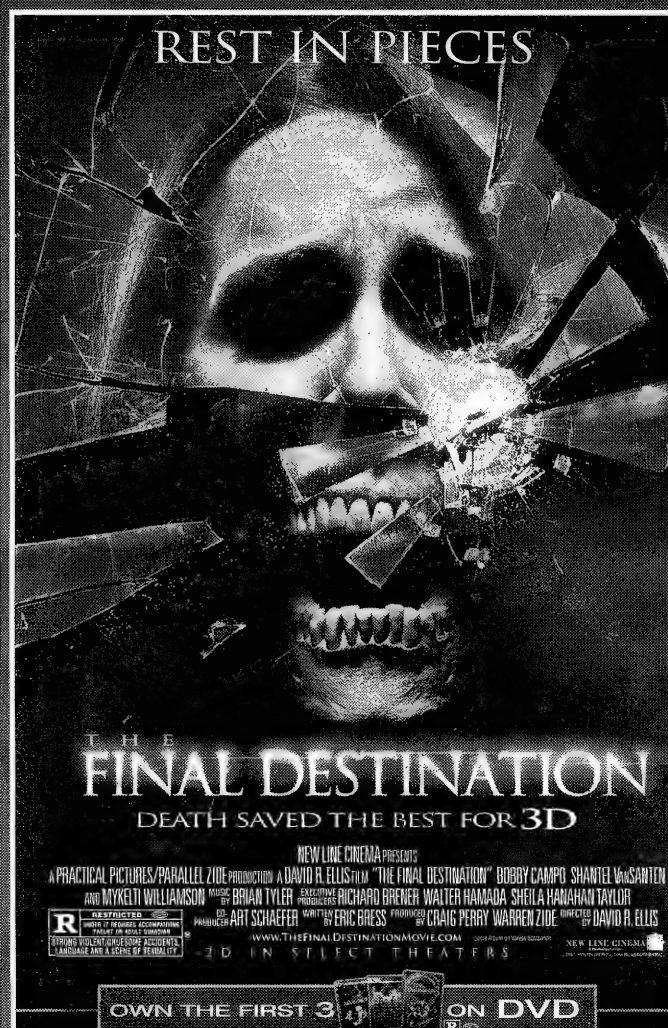


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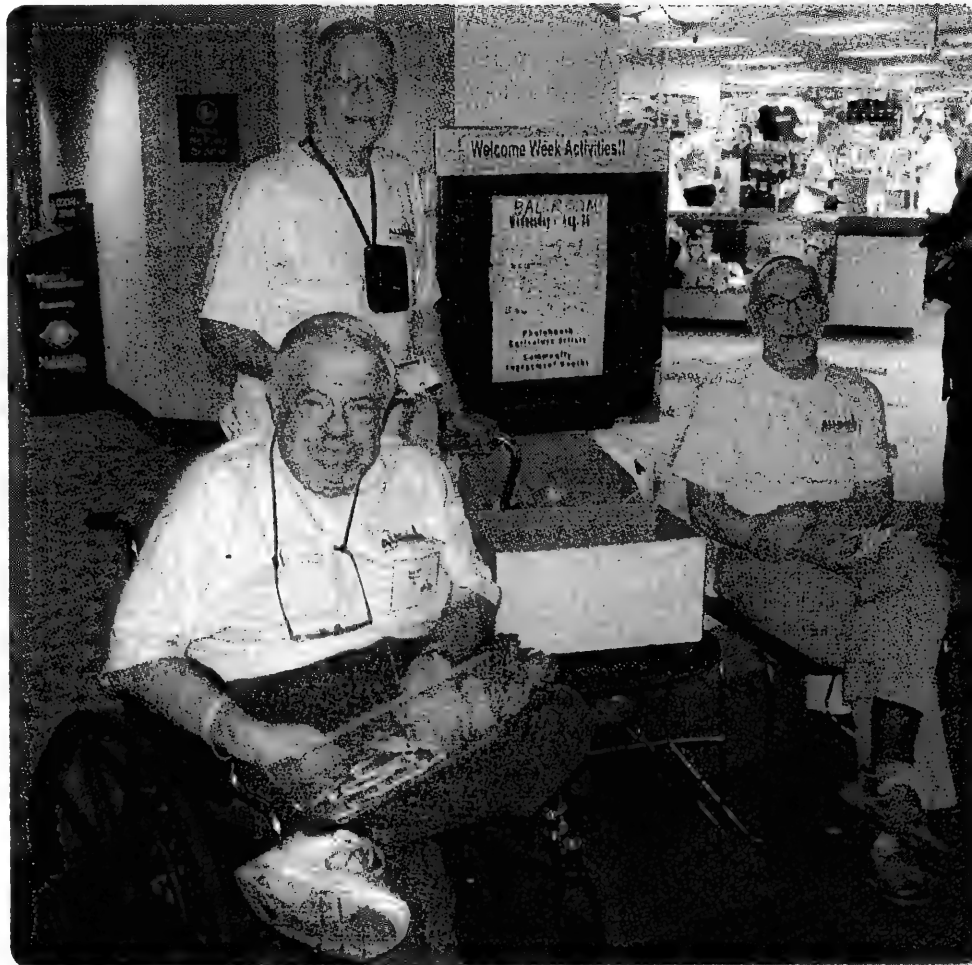
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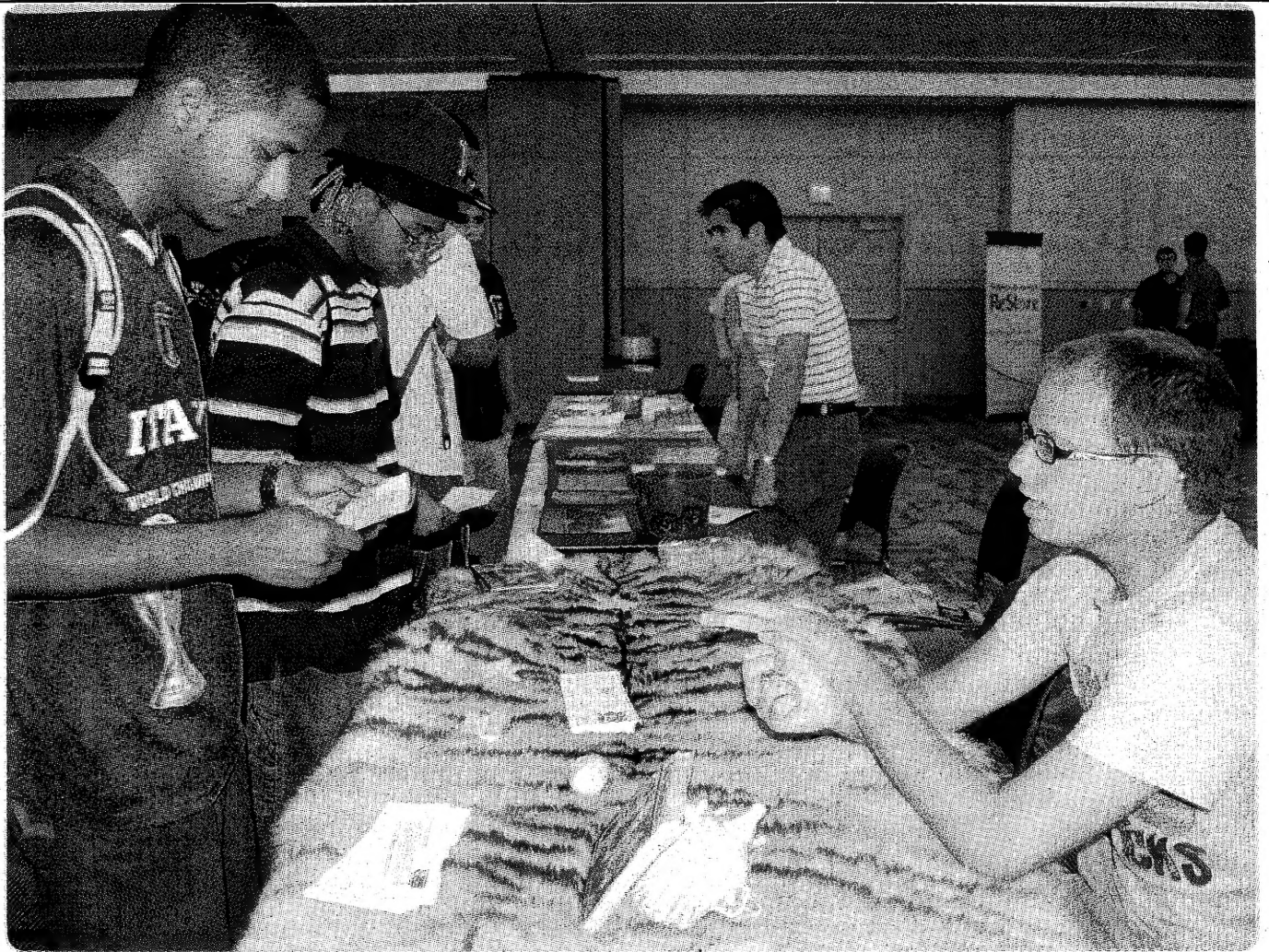
Monica Bayles (left) works with Becky Bohan-Brown to serve hotdogs on Monday during Welcome Week. (JOE SHEARER/THE GATEWAY)



Above: Maynard Tattleman, Hardd Sage and Marcel Kahn, all 1954 grads, take part in Welcome Week festivities. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

Left: Senior Maria Ortiz plays plinko (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

Umbrellas were a popular item on the rainy campus Wednesday. (JOE SHEPHERD/THE GATEWAY)



Above: Sophomores Leo Medina (left) and Bradley Williams talks with Matt Epp. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

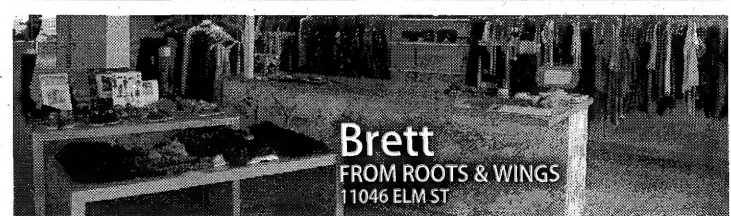
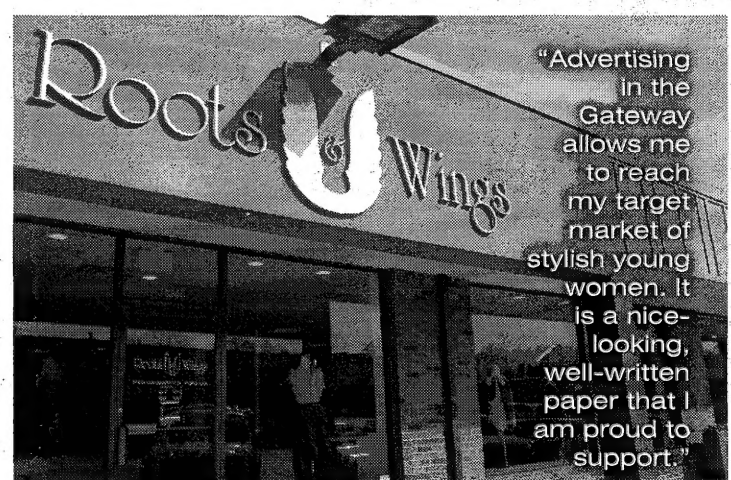


Left: The band R-Style performs on Wednesday. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

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Keller, Zuerlein earn pre-season all-MIAA

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR

UNO senior defensive tackle Zac Keller and junior kicker Greg Zuerlein were named to the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association's pre-season first team for 2009 as chosen by D2Football.com. The selections were released Aug. 16.

Keller returns for his senior season as the third leading tackler among returning players. He registered 14 solo tackles and 49 overall in 11 games last year with one forced fumble in helping the UNO defense hold opponents to 154 rushing yards per game. Keller, a native of Kearney, Neb., has 77 career tackles in 31 games. His performance in the 2008 season earned him a selection to the all-MIAA second team.

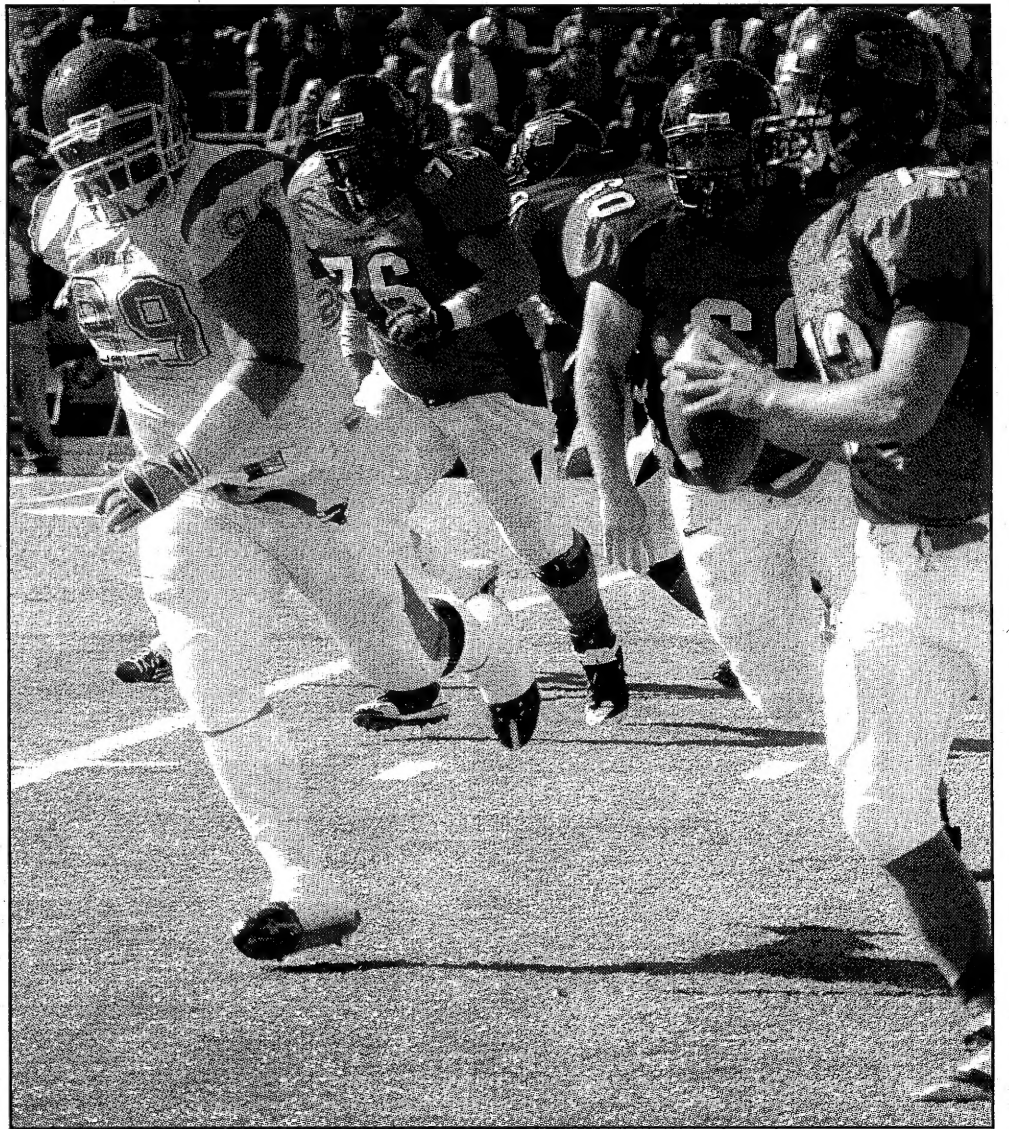
Zuerlein enters 2009 after an impressive campaign last year in which the Lincoln, Neb., native set a school record for consecutive PATs made with 61, extending his own school record of 46 from the previous year as a freshman. He finished third in team scoring, making 9-of-11 field goal attempts and leading the league with an 81.8 field goal percentage. His longest field goal was

from 48 yards against Fort Hays State, 1 yard short of his personal best.

Zuerlein showed an impressive foot with 28 of his 63 kickoffs resulting in touchbacks. He was named to the all-MIAA first team last year and was UNO's outstanding special teams player for the second consecutive season.

The last Maverick to receive such high pre-season honors was Jeff Souder, who was named to the 2008 defensive All-American team by D2Football.com.

The Mavs began their season on Aug. 27 when they host East Central (Okla.) at 7 p.m. at Caniglia field.



UNO senior defensive tackle Zac Keller and junior kicker Greg Zuerlein were named to the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association's pre-season first team for 2009 as chosen by D2Football.com (PHOTOS BY ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

Diamond Club hosts sixth annual golf outing and alumni game

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO Diamond Club will be hosting its sixth annual Golf Outing on Sept. 11 at Shoreline Golf Course in Carter Lake, Iowa.

The cost will be \$320 per team or \$80 per person. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Dinner and awards will follow the tournament.

Teams of four are encouraged to sign up. Participants unable to put together a

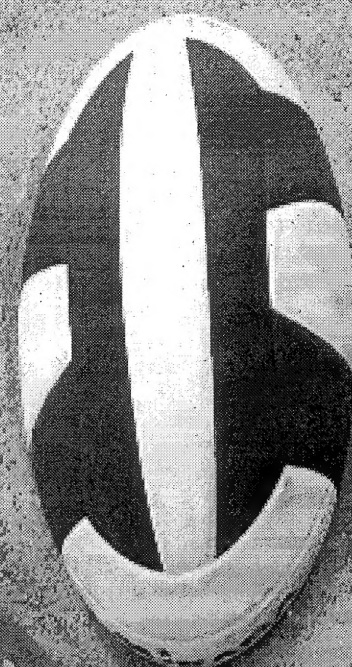
four-member team can still register, as they will be paired up with other golfers.

An alumni game will be held the next day, Sept. 12. The game will be at the Ballpark at Boys Town, UNO baseball's home field, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The ballpark is located at the Boys Town campus off 137th and West Dodge Road.


For registration or sponsorship information, you can contact Geri Backora at (402) 554-2506 or Kirk Nelson at (402) 510-0666.



The Mavs celebrate their first MIAA baseball title after defeating Central Missouri 12-9 in the championship game of the MIAA tournament May 10 at Community America Ballpark in Kansas City, Kan. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)



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Mav Wrestlers to host 14th Grapplers on the Green

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR



The UNO wrestling team capped off an undefeated dual season with its sixth National Championship in school history, crowning one individual champion during the NCAA Division II National Tournament held March 13-14 in Houston. (PHOTO COURTESY OF SANDY HIGDON)

The Maverick wrestling team will spend a few days away from the mat by enjoying a less strenuous weekend on the links.

The Mavs will host the 14th annual Grapplers on the Green golf tournament on Sept. 19 at Shoreline Golf Course in Carter Lake, Iowa.

Lunch will be served at noon before four-person teams begin their tournament at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start.

The purpose of the event, wrestling head coach Mike Denney said, is to spend a fun day with friends.

He also admitted that the quality of golf talent among his wrestlers is not that great.

"We don't golf that much, we just have a good time with it," Denney said.

The wrestling team will host a cookout on Sept. 18 at Elmwood Park.

The tournament has an \$80 entry fee, which covers Friday's cookout and lunch, dinner and 18 holes of golf on Saturday. Participants will also have the chance to win prizes and awards along with plenty of time to meet and hang out with the wrestlers and coaches.

The event is expected to draw fans and alumni and will have the feel of a family reunion of sorts.

"We bring the family [alumni] to get them acquainted with this year's team," Denney said. "Our wrestlers love it and they get a big kick out of it."

Denney summed up his expectations for the day with three simple words:

"Food, fun and fellowship," he said.

UNO VOLLEYBALL STATISTICS AND REPORTS

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UNO Showcase Opens 40th Season of Volleyball at UNO

The Volleyball team, entering its 40th season at Nebraska-Omaha, will begin its season with the first-ever UNO Volleyball Showcase, held Friday and Saturday at Sapp Fieldhouse. Nine teams will be participating in 18 matches over the opening weekend on two different courts.

The Mavs kick off the event against Tarleton State on Friday with the match beginning at 10 a.m. They will also host the day's final match against Abilene Christian with a start time of 7 p.m.

Saturday's contests include a match against Dallas Baptist at 11:45 a.m. and an evening game with North Alabama beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Three New Opponents to Play UNO

Among the four teams the Mavs are scheduled to play in the UNO Volleyball Showcase, three of them have never faced UNO before. Tarleton State, Abilene Christian and Dallas Baptist will be traveling to Sapp Fieldhouse for the first time.

North Alabama has played the Mavs twice, with each team winning once.

The other teams in the tournament that are not scheduled to play UNO are Emporia State and Truman from the MIAA, Eastern New Mexico and Minnesota State.

Shires only 13 wins away from 400

Volleyball Head Coach Rose Shires enters the 2009 season only 13 wins away from reaching 400 for her career. Her career record is 387-215 and every game has been with UNO. Shires is already number one in total wins at UNO and second with a .643 winning percentage.

Shires led UNO to a national championship in 1996 and has three conference titles and 10 trips to the NCAA II Tournament.

Thommes is 113 kills from 1,000

Senior middle blocker Ellen Thommes begins her senior season just 113 kills away from reaching 1,000 for her career. If Thommes does reach 1,000 she would become UNO's 17th player all-time to accomplish the feat. Last year, Thommes led the team with 353 kills and has 887 in her career.

Thommes is also two block assists away from jumping into UNO's career top-10 list, registering 289 in her career so far.

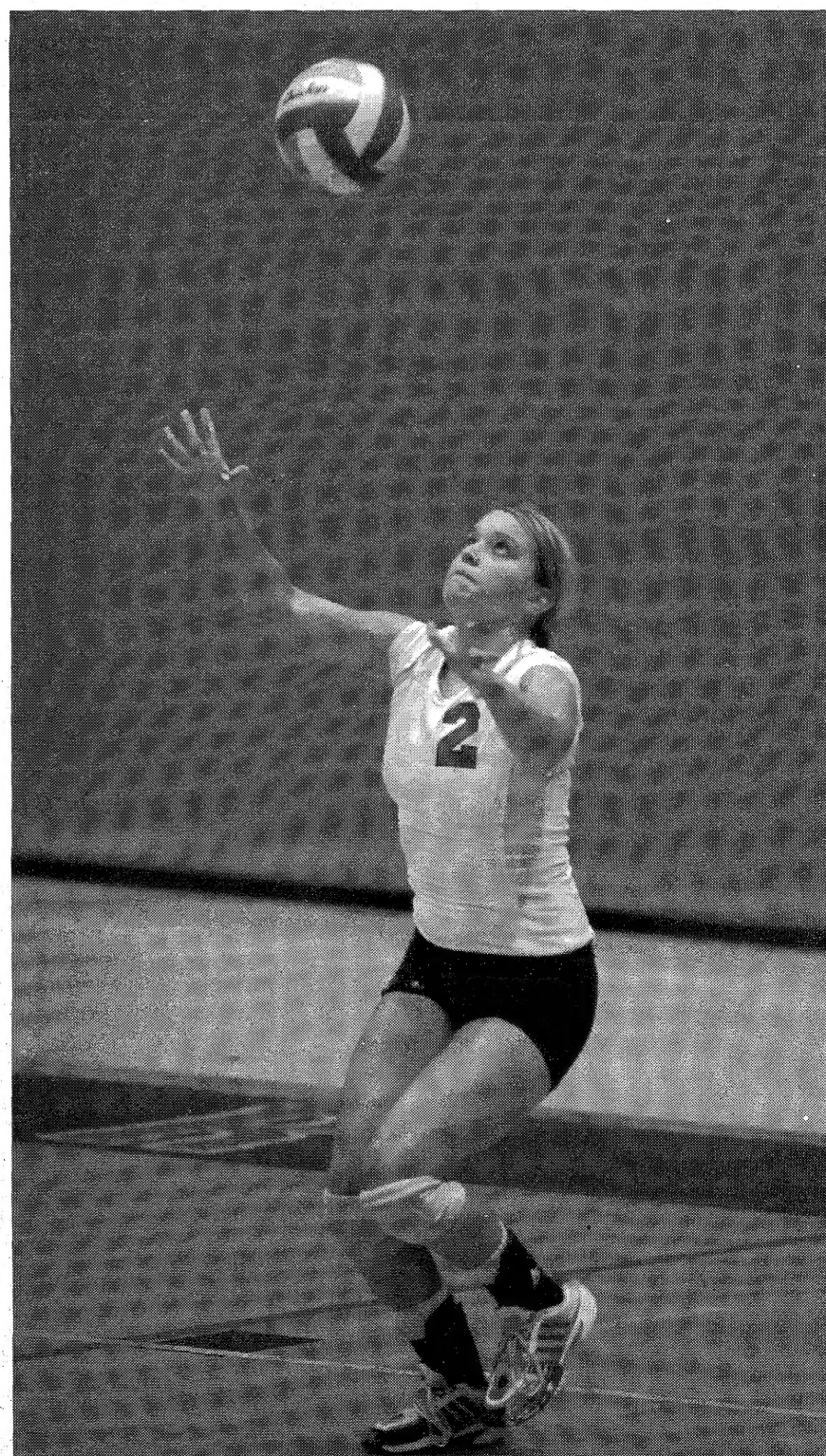
The last player to register 1,000 kills for her UNO career was Carlie Christensen, who played from 2004-07 and scored 1,214 kills.

Top 10 Looms for Jansen in Career Digs

Senior libero Kayla Jansen is only 26 digs short of reaching UNO's career top 10. She begins her 2009 senior campaign with 1,191 digs in her career. Jansen led the Mavs with 505 digs last year, which was the seventh-highest single-season total in UNO history.

On tap for next week

After hosting the UNO Volleyball Showcase, the Mavs will travel to Lakeland, Fla., to play in the 2009 Florida Southern Classic from Sept. 4-5, hosted by Florida Southern College. On Friday the Mavs will take on the University of Minnesota Duluth at 1 p.m. CST and then play host Florida Southern College at 7 p.m. CST. Saturday's contests include a match against Bemidji State at 11 a.m. CST and Grand Valley State with a 2 p.m. CST start time.



Senior Libero Kayla Jansen is 26 digs shy of reaching UNO's career top 10. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

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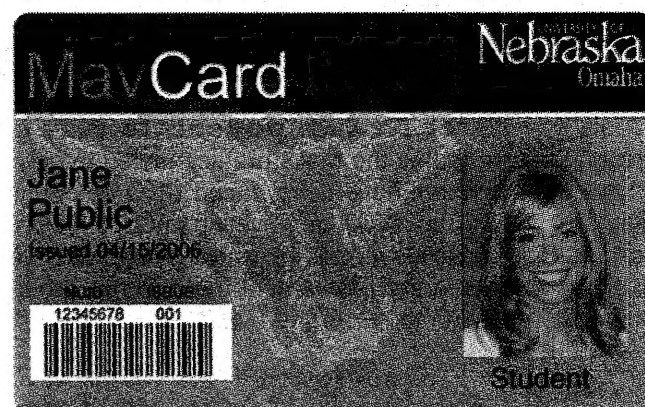
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